



## **Staff Senate Meeting January 4, 2006** *the Voice*

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### **January 4, 2006, Staff Senate session discussed the following items:**

The Chair opened the session by announcing the guest speakers, Tom Kendig, Director and Greg Cain, Assistant Director of Transportation.

**Parking fees will be increased.** Transportation is self-supporting with no appropriated funds from the state, and therefore they must replace fine monies from parking ticket revenue lost, due to a recent court decision. As a result of the settlement as much as \$6 million may be owed to the public school system. Transportation has banked \$2 million in escrow and will borrow money to cover the remaining \$4 million. The increase in permit prices will help generate the money to pay back the borrowed amount.

A document with the proposed change in parking permit prices is attached.

**University Awards for Excellence nominations began January 1, 2006.** This recognition program is designed to reward the accomplishments and achievements of permanent NC State employees. These names will be submitted to a University Award for Excellence selection committee to determine the five University-level winners (4 SPA and 1 EPA).



If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact your college/unit chairperson or the Benefits Office at 515-2151 or at [employee@gw.fis.ncsu.edu](mailto:employee@gw.fis.ncsu.edu)

### **Retirement and Financial Planning workshops will begin January 24, 2006.**

Topics include Retirement 101, Fundamentals of Investing, Social Security, and Medicare Drug Prescription Benefits. For more information on topics, dates, locations, and registration, see the HR Benefits web site:

[http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/benefits/upcoming\\_events/workshops/](http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/benefits/upcoming_events/workshops/)

**Energy conservation is an ongoing concern for NCSU.** Two Staff Senate standing committees, Human Resources and Resource & Environment, will explore possible solutions to conserve energy now and later. Contact your senator to provide suggestions.

### **2006 Benefits Confirmation will be available through the Administrative Portal.**

Beginning February 13, 2006 through March 3, 2006, all benefits eligible employees will be able to access their 2006 Benefits Confirmation Statement on-line through the University Administrative Portal. Please take advantage of this opportunity to verify your current benefits, and retain a copy for your records. If you have any questions about the Benefits Confirmation Statement, please contact the Benefits office at 919-515-2151 with questions.

**Staff Senate Open Forum is scheduled to be held March 9 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**

**Faculty/Staff Tuition Waiver:** Completed waiver must be received in the Cashier's Office no later than 5:00pm on January 23, 2006. Two waivers are allowed per academic year.

### **Staff Senate Contact Information:**

*Please remember this is your Senate and your issues and concerns are important to us. If you do not know your Senator, visit our website at [http://www.ncsu.edu/staff\\_senate](http://www.ncsu.edu/staff_senate).*